The Bill Prepared by the Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Quadricen-tennial Celebration, and Which Will be Presented in the House-The Measure a Conglomerate of the Local Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 .- The sub-committee of the special House committee on the World's Fair has completed the World's Fair bill, and it will be reported to the full committee to-day. It is made up chiefly of sections taken from the bill introduced by Mr. Adams and Mr. Flower, with occasional extracts from the bill of Mr. Frank. It is to be called: "A Bill to Provide for Celebrating the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Discovery of America by Columbus, by Holding an International Exhibition of Arts, Sciences, Manufactures, and the Products of the Soil, Mine

place where it is to be held are not mentioned in the bill.

The bill begins with a long preamble, setting forth the appropriateness of celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by international character. A commission is to be created, composed of two representatives of each of the States, to be chosen by the Governors of those States, one from each Territory and the District of Columbia, and a sufficient numto be chosen by the city in which the fair is to be held. This commission is created into a corporation, with fuli to be appointed within thirty days of tric fever. the passage of the act. The commission is to hold its meetings in the city where the fair is to held. Articles imported from foreign countries for exhibition at the fair are to be admitted free of duty, and in connection with the admission of foreign goods \$50,000 is appropriated. and to arrange a programme for the tary of State are to announce the exhi- three men. bition to foreign countries by proclamation. Subscriptions to the stock of the any act.

office for one year. The commission is child. It is to have the right to issue bonds. provision is made against their being leaves a widow and seven children. counterfeited. The commission is em- Bud Mullins, aged twenty-three, sinpowered to convert its property into gle, had his skull crushed, cut in the cash at the close of the exhibition. It abdomen, eyes and face scalded. He is to report to the President from time only lived a few hours. is to be appropriated by the Govern- er a shut down for repairs. ment to assist it. Provision is made for a Government exhibit. The Congress is to have the right to alter, amend, or appeal this act at any time.

The friends of Washington on the committee will submit a separate bill and a minority report, opposing the financial scheme proposed. It is expected the reports will be ready to go to the House Thursday.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Awful Explosion in the High School Building at Lexington, Ill., During Experiments in Chemistry-Twenty Per-

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Jan. 29.-Twenty persons were injured at two o'clock yesterday afternoon in the high school at Lexington, in this county, by a terrific explosion which was heard all over the pity. While Prof. Jess, surrounded by pupils and teachers, was conducting an experiment in chemistry in which oxygen was being generated in a retort composed wholly or in part of iron with iron pipe connections, the retort suddenly flew to pieces and nearly thirty persons were hurled in all directions and twenty of them more or less mangled.

To add to the herror of the scene a can of gasoline through which a piece of hot iron had been projected, took fire and for a few moments it looked as though the building and some of the wounded victims might be consumed. The barning gasoline spread rapidly over the floor and seats, but the flames were extinguished after a hard fight, in | The Stories of Destitution and Suffering which several of the students were slightly scorched. Those most dangerously injured by

the explosion are as follows: Prof. Jess, terribly burned about the head, face, arms, hands and eyes; will probably lose his sight and may

Bertie Farsel, a youth of twenty; compound fracture of the leg and artery

cut; likely to die. Cora Kemper, aged sixteen; compound fracture of leg.

Hattie Barnard, aged sixteen; struck in breast with a piece of iron pipe; dangerously hurt. Russell Stevenson, hurt on leg and

terribly bruised. Will Dawson, badly cut and bruised.

Will Hotzen, badly mangled. Asa Langstaff, seriously bruised and

A dozen others were bruised, cut and scorched, but those named above are the severest sufferers. It is believed that the explosion was caused by impure chemicals.

The Steamboat De Soto Burned. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 28.-A special to the Post from Owensboro, Ky., says: "The Cincinnati & Memphis packet De Soto, M. M. Dean commander, caught fire one mile below Owensboro at two o'clock this morning, and was soon completely destroyed. The boat was quickly run to the Kentucky shore when the fire was discovered, and the passengers and all of the crew were saved except, possibly, one of the firemen, Brown Richardson, colored, who is missing. The fire was discovered in the cook-room, just after the boat had pulled out from the shore.

The Recent Post-Office Robbery at Albu- Fatal Rear-End Collision on the Erie

querque, N. M. post-office robbery at Albuquerque turns | night to-night the Wells Facgo express out to be much larger than at first sup- on the Erie road, east-bound, dashed posed. Chicago merchants will suffer into the rear of passenger train No. 12, heavily, as it was the Pacific coast east- which was standing at the station at bound mail that was plundered. The Owego. The rear sleeper of No. 12 was mail had been sent by the southern wrecked. Three persons are reported route on account of the snow bleckade. | killed. Telegrams were received by the postfor more assistance. It is believed to his little girl on the train when the colbe the work of an organized gang of ex- lision occurred. He was caught between perts who know of the diversion of the two other cars and killed. Four others drans-continental mail.

IN THE SIERRAS.

The Big Snow Plow Breaks Down Before Completing the Raising of the Blockade -Death on Snow-Bound Trains-Shovelers at Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The rotary plow which has been making a big fight in the Sierras towards raising the blockade on the Central Pacific road broke down yesterday in the final drift remaining near Cascade. The plow had been working for fifteen days continuously and it was thought the big machine would hold together until the road was cleared, but the strain was too much, and it was completely disabled when only two hundred yards of the snowbank remained. An army of shovelers remained at work all night to clear away the remaining snow obstructing the cedar blocks used in this country. five cars of delayed mail which were sent west from Reno last night and

The time of opening the fair and the which will be the first train through. days ago of pneumonia. Three men, including a doctor, went to his assistance on snow shoes, but arrived too late an insurance company against burgla- Aquarium. At two, six and ten o'clock to save his life, and he was buried in a ries flourishing in London. According holding an exhibition of National and snow drift. His body was removed to to the regular rates, you can insure the

al took place to-day. Mrs. McVean, wife of Surgeon Mc-Vean, of Jefferson Barracks, died at Truckee, Monday, of diphtheria, while on one of the west-bound trains.

Yesterday Lucia Zaretta, the Mexican midget, said to be the smallest human being in the world, a passenger on the powers as such. The commissioners are same train, died at Truckee from gas-

THREE MEN KILLED.

Shocking Results of a Boiler Explosion at

Falling at Rock Creek, W. Va. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 30.—A special to the Times from Charleston, W. Va., The commission is to fix the day on says: A horrible boiler explosion ocwhich the exhibition is to be opened curred at the saw-mill of A. B. Leech on Falling Rock creek, twenty-five opening. The President and the Secre- miles from here Tuesday which killed

The mill had stopped to tighten a loose belt. Eight men were working in exhibition are to be received in the sum | and near the mill when, a few minutes of \$20,000,000, and \$5,000,000 is to be before noon, a terrific explosion ocpledged before the commission can do curred demolishing the mill and machinery.

It is provided that the first meeting | Joe. Wright, aged twenty-five, was of the commission is to be held thirty filing a saw when the explosion ocdays after its appointment, when books curred. The saw was broken to pieces, of capital stock are to be opened. The one piece of which cut Wright's throat officers of the exhibition are to hold from ear to ear. He leaves a wife and

to prepare a classification of exhibits. Morgan Hoover was blown a hundred yards and driven, feet foremost, into a The certificates of stock are to be issued hollow log up to his waist. He was horby the Secretary of the Treasury and ribly mangled and instantly killed. He

AN AWFUL CRIME.

A Mother Kills Her Illegitimate Offsprings by Dashing Its Head Against a

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 29.-A horrible case of infanticide was brought to light here yesterday. The cruel mother is Julia Craig, a twenty-year-old colored girl, who has been employed for the past four months as a domestic at the home of Joseph Hannum, a retired and wealthy Quaker, living on East Hanover street. The girl acknowledges that the child was born alive, and not wanting it, she took it by the body and dashed its head against the bed post, killing it instantly. The county physician held an autopsy, which showed that the child had been brutally killed after birth, and at two o'clock this afternoon an inquest will be held at the city morgue. The authorities have placed the woman under arrest, and she will be taken to the jail as soon as her condition will permit it. The case will be investigated by the grand jury now in session, and it is likely that the heartless mother will be tried at the coming term of court. She is an unmarried woman of more than average intelligence, and claims that the father of the child is Casper Hutchinson, a he sailed was a mother with her three nineteen-year-old colored waiter, who children, whom she was taking to Euformerly lived here, but who now works rope to be educated. It happened that in Philadelphia.

THE NEEDY SUPPLIED.

from South Dakota Were Somewhat Overdrawn.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A special to the Herald from Huron, S. D., says: Numerous telegrams from the East are being received here inquiring about the destitution among settlers in this county. These messages are the result of the publication by a Chicago paper of stories that hundreds of people in this vicinity are without food or fuel, and are on the verge of insanity in their homes on the prairies. Carriers and messages were sent to all parts of Beadle County yesterday to ascertain the exact condition of affairs and nearly every township was heard from last night. Not a case of suffering is reported. All have coal and food. The county has an immense quantity of coal ready for delivery when called for, and the Dorcas Society Relief Corps and similar organizations have clothing on hand and more coming. Every thing possible is being done to keep the settlers who lost crops by drought from want, and as soon as their needs are made known they are supplied.

Investigating Treasurer O'Reilly. DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 30.-The committee appointed to audit the accounts of Dr. Charles O'Reilly, the treasurer of the National Land League, began their labors in this city yesterday. The committee organized by selecting Mayor Cushing, of Omaha, chairman, and Philip M. Cahill, of St. Louis, secretary. It was unanimously decided to hold open meetings of the committee, and to make a detailed examination of the books, the report to be published in pamphlet form. The committee commenced work last evening and will probably finish their labors by to-night.

Railroad. DENVER, Col., Jan. 28.—The recent BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Jan. 30.—At mid-

were injured.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

-A third of the deaths in the French army are due to typhoid fever.

-The Ameer of Afghanistan is introducing the telegraph in his dominions. -The Argentine Republic was reinforced last year by the arrival of more grants from Europe. A large portion of them were Italians.

-The Prince of Wales was recently letting his dog, a superb Siberian hound, go abroad without a muzzle.

blocks. The wood is hard and very government.-Youth's Companion. durable, lasting many times as long as nine fire brigade. They wear red silk

caps, dark blue short skirts, not dered collar and cuffs and brass buttons. -For two years past there has been

age to it through burglary or any special article you desire. -The Queen's ladies-in-waiting are beginning to murmur about a dress grievance. They only receive three hundred pounds, and are expected to appear in a new costume at every dinner. The maids are compeled to trim up their old gowns in all possible ways,

dresses and hates them. -A native movement to break up certain Hindoo customs has been started in Bombay By it no sons are permitted to marry under sixteen, and no daughters fifty or marry a second wife during the lifetime of the first; he is also not to drink spirits save under medical advice. Marriage expenses are also to be greatly reduced.

esent given only to the kingdom of Holland. But in the sixteenth century that name denoted a cluster of provinces extending from the Zuyder Zee and the Dollart to the northern frontiers of the lowest stratum of uncivilized hu-France, and forming that tract of fertile | manity that has yet been discovered. and alluvial land which is at present oc- Many years ago Darwin inclined to the cupied by the kingdoms of Holland and | belief that in the race he met in Beagle Belgium.

as to the density of the population of he was of the opinion that the data he London, recent statistics show that of gathered at Terra del Fuego were too all the large European cities the me- meager for valuable deductions, and it tropolis of England has fewer inhabi- is certain that had he extended his retants to the house than any other place. searches north of the mountains he Vienna occupies the first place in the would have found a tribe that was even list in this respect, and has an average lower in the scale of being than the savof five times as many inhabitants to ages he saw and described. each house as London.

-The St. James's Gazette says that to time. The corporation is to termin- The cause of the explosion is not every winter increases the number of Lista said he could not learn that the ate January 1, 1898. The United States known. The engineer says there was visitors who flock to St. Moritz, in the Onas have any words except those reis to be free from any liability for the plenty of water in the boiler. The mill Alps, for health and enjoyment. There, lating to hunting and fishing and the debts of the exhibition; but \$1,000,000 had only started operations Monday, aft- at 6,000 feet above the sea, surrounded new natural objects that interest them. by a wilderness of snow and ice, suffer- Popper could never get them to speak ers from nerve exhaustion unite with except in monosyllables, and they selconsumptive patients in skating, danc- dom made themselves intelligible. It ing, flirting, acting and shooting head- is probable that their vocabulary does foremost down the famous toboggan not embrace more than 200 or 300 words. runs. Any thing more unlike a Mediterranean health resort it would be dflicut to imagine.

-A new place of entertainment recently opened in Paris is called the Moulin Rouge. Over the entrance is a real windmill, while round this is a corridor with immense Gothic windows, which gives the place a semi-cathedral look. In the center of all is a garden, which at night glimmers with Chinese lanterns. The name adopted by the proprietors of the place is historical, for there was an old "Moulin Rouge" in the Champs Elysees, which, under the empire, was a restaurant which eclipsed those of Laurent and Ledoyen -then in their infancy-and was the summer rendezvous of a host of political, literary, artistic and fashionable celebrities.

AN AMERICAN GIRL.

How She Won the Friendship of a Famous English Statesman.

About two years before his death, Charles Sumner was ordered abroad by his physician. On the steamer in which the only girl of the party was seated | Any thing else? near Mr. Sumner at the table, and could hear much of his conversation. In a short time she became fascinated with | fires the rare personality that for so many years had inspired a great political

She listened eagerly to every word, but soon became greatly mortified because she could not understand much of what he said. She had never studied the science of Government; she knew nothing of European politics, and little of American history.

For the first time in her life she realized that an interesting, helpful cation. She determined to supply the omission for herself, and on reaching England began the study of American politics. The functions of the different parts of a government, legislative, judicial and executive, the duties of an American citizen, political parties, who vote and why, town-meetings, education, taxes, labor and capital, strikes, banks, commerce, diversities of industries-all these she soon found to be factors in a fascinating problem.

Her growing enthusiasm amused her friends, especially her brothers. What head about such things? they asked. The answer came in a manner quite unexpected.

One evening during their continued out.-Texas Siftings. residence in England the family was invited to a small reception given by John Bright, then at the zenith of his fame. Shortly after their entrance into | College, said that in some parts of India the drawing-room the conversation the lily is actually used as an article of turned to American politics, in which diet. It has been found by the bota-Mr. Bright manifested great interest. nists to be a highly nutritious article of A convention was at that time in ses- food, being peculiarly rich in nitrogenesion in a Western city, and much anxi- ous compounds. The poor Indian, who which it was likely to make.

desired information.

wonderful advances in education. The Herald.

future of a country is secure when the young men and women alike are trained to intelligent understanding of the laws which govern them. The next genera-

tion will be a race of patriots." A few days afterward came an urgent invitation for the entire family to spend a week at the Bright homestead. There than three hundred thousand emi- the little American was introduced to Mr. Gladstone and many other promin-

ent English statesmen. Her unique experience is very sugfined five shillings in a police court for gestive. How many of our young people are at all acquainted with the present state of European politics? Too -In some of the cities of Australia many of them, indeed, have yet to pavements are constructed of gum-tree | learn the very alphabet of their own

A CANNIBAL FAMILY.

-England boasts a well-trained femi- The Strange Beings on Exhibition at the London Aquarium

The advertising columns of the Lon-John Coughlin, telegraph operator at scending below the knees, soft leather don newspapers have recently an-Cisco, died at his lonely station four boots, and neat bodices, decorated with nounced that nine cannibals from Terre del Fuego would be fed three times a day in view of the audience at the the spectators have enjoyed the privilege of seeing these specimens of an ex-Sacramento yesterday, where his funer- contents of your residence, or the dam- traordinary type of American savage heat their beef and fish over a fire and then tear the flesh to pieces with their fingers and devour it practically raw.

The family of Ona Indians are the only representatives of their large tribe that have ever been taken from their homes. Many years ago some natives from the south coast were taken to England and received there a rudifor the Queen has an eagle eye for old mentary education. But the Onas, who are spread over more than four-fifths of the great island, have been almost unknown until the recent discoveries of Lista and Popper; and the mountain ranges that parellel the south and west coasts have been a barrier which the under ten. No man is to marry after natives on either side have never tried

The family now in London includes a woman about fifty years old, her son, a tall and not bad-looking specimen of his race, his two wives and their five chil--The name of the Netherlands is at dren, ranging in age from one to sixteen years. The thing about the Onas which most stimulates scientific interest and popular curiosity is the fact that they are regarded by some authorities as Canal he had found the missing link in -Notwithstanding the popular belief | the chain of evolution. In his last years

This family now in London seem to possess the most limited vocabulary. -N. Y. Sun.

"A CULLUD LADY."

Miss Matilda Snowball Willing to Work Under Certain Conditions. Matilda Snowball-I heahs you needs cullud lady ter do de work fer you.

My name's Matilda Snowball. Colonel Yerger-Yes, my wife needs some help. How much do you want a Matilda-Fifteen dollars if de place

suits me. Colonel Yerger-Any thing else? Matilda-I wants ter go out Chewsday night ter 'tend de lodge meetings ob de Order ob de Mysterus Seben Wise Vir-

Colonel Yerger-Any thing else? Matilda-Monday arternoon I makes

Colonel Yerger-Is that all? Matilda-No, indeedy. On two nights n de week I 'tends de distracted meetin's at Parson Whangdoodle Baxter's

Blue Light Tabernacle. Colonel Yerger-Any thing else? Matilda-I wants ver ter understand dat dis heah cullud lady don't fotch in no wood and no water. Ketch me! Colonel Yerger-Of course, not, Matilda. I will fetch in the wood myself.

Matilda-You needn't 'spect me ter git up in de mawnings and make de

Colonel Yerger-I never dreamt of your doing any thing of that kind. Whenever you want a fire made just ring the bell for Mrs. Yerger and she will attend to all that. Matilda-And I'se not gwinter do no

scrubbin' nor washin' ob de dishes. No cullud lady lowers herse'f dataway. Colonel Yerger-Why should you when my wife and daughter are here to

attend to the drudgery? Matilda-Am dat so? Dis am de berry science had been neglected in her edu- place I has been lookin' for. Yer kin spect me ter show up to-morrer mawn-Colonel Yerger-Hold on. Miss Snow-

ball, I wish to ask you a few questions. Can you render one of Beethoven's immortal symphonies on the piano? Matilea-Hey! What's dat?

Colonel Yerger-Can you play on the Matilda-No, sah; but you should hear

me sing hymn tunes at de Blue Light Tabernacle. I'se de soprano, I is. Colonel Yerger-I'm sorry to hear that you are not a performer on the picould be the use of a girl troubling her ano. While my wife is washing the dishes and doing your work I expected you to take her place at the piano. Please close the front gate as you go

Lilies for Culinary Purposes.

In a lecture to a girls' assemblage, not long ago, Prof. Ames, of Columbia ety was expressed about the nomination evidently "considers the lilies" from a falling from the fifth story, breaking gastronomical point of view, either eat Turning to an American gentleman. them as a vegetable or kneads them ing with his life; of his falling into a Mr. Bright made some inquiry as to the with dough and makes them into cakes. | coal hole, and being nearly smothered rules governing the formation of such In either form they are declared to afan assembly. The person addressed, ford a most substantial and nourishing sent to prison; of his return home, to frowng, Mr. Brown walked back to "A worm will turn" might have gone on evidently greatly chagrined at his ig- repast, and the æsthetes of ten years find that his wife had eloped, thus the hee, followed by Rhoda and Ber- to add "so will a door-knob, a maple leaf norance, was obliged to answer that he age, when accused of "living on lilies." | wrecking his home, and finally in disdid not know. Appeals to three other would certainly have been enabled to pair the man commits suicide by guests met with the same response. return the laugh against their torment- drowning. Furny, isn't it? High state son," and Mr. Brown, "sending me a weak stomach and almost any thing un-Then, to the surprise of every one, a ors if they had known the culinary at- of civilization, isn't it, where people silly ver like this and asking if I had der heaven." modest little American girl advanced tributes of their cherished flower. find their greatest joy in laughing at receivedne?" timidly to Mr. Bright and gave him the Mark the result of the professor's in- the miseries of others? It is recorded formation: At a siglish luncheon re- that Livingston's men burst into the sent you sotice of a meeting." Mr. Bright was delighted. He seated cently given by an enterprising belle most uproarious shouts of laughter at himself at the girl's side and talked stewed lilies were one of the novel seeing one of their companions devoured office inspector here yesterday asking cratic politician of Owego, was putting with her for the entire evening, and dishes. They tasted like an amalgam by a lion. Those were naked savages— letters when taking leave of her said to her of spinach and cabbage and were not the very lowest of the human race. How very dainty, but they are bound to have much thigher in grade are they who "You Americans have indeed made vogue for awhile, anyhow,-Chicago laugh at "McGinty's Mishaps."-Chica-

RECLAIMED BY CONVICTS.

Dartmoor's Wild Waste Has Become Farm and Garden.

The original purpose of sending convicts to this prison was to reclaim Dartmoor, and they have made inclosures to an enormous extent, under the superintendence of a farm bailiff. These inclosures are made of most substantial walls of greak blocks of granite, which must have cost an amount of labor difficult to estimate. A large piece of the moor is first inclosed; then other inclosures are made, dividing it into good, large fields; then clearing the stones and rocks and cultivating the crops begins. This convict prison is, therefore, a very large farm, with any amount of labor at the command of the farmer. On the farm are bred horses, ponies, bullocks and some sheep. There is a large dairy, and there are extensive kitchen gardens on the farm. The dairy and garden produce is used in the prison, and very good it is; but the live stock is sold annually by auction in the autumn at Prince Town fair, where Dartmoor produce in general is brought to market, and where the collection of wild ponies is a sight to see.

The prisoners work in gangs, and

there are many wardens with loaded

rifles surrounding them or in attend-

ance. By good conduct a prisoner gains

his reward in working under relaxed

supervision, and in being intrusted with

horses and carts and the dairy work. The color of the dress denotes the convict ranked according to his behavior. The dress consists of a cap, jacket, loose breeches, stockings and boots, all of the regulation convict material, not to be mistaken anywhere. But it is a curious fact that the lowest class of convicts are dressed precisely in that particular color which is least visible at a distance. Sometimes in a fog convicts | him? have escaped: .but of late years escapes have been very rare. In the summer large numbers of convicts can be seen on the farm haymaking or harvesting, and in the winter preparing the land for cultivation. Planting has also been attempted. Trees do not flourish on Dartmoor. But if a particular tree is found by experience to do well, extensive plantations ought to be made of it; for the one thing wanting on Dartmoor Forest is trees. In some situations planting has partially succeeded; but the trees do not look as if they were enjoying themselves in that salubrious clime. The employment of convicts in hard farm labor in the open air is good for them, inasmuch as they, as a rule, do not come from a class that likes hard labor at all; and it may be safely said that three convicts scarcely do the work of one good

hard or well. Besides the farm labor, the labor in the quarry, the stone-cutting and the building, there are carried on within the prison walls shoemaking, tailoring, bookbinding, blacksmith's and carpenter's work, baking and cooking. who have found their way inside these walls, and are not strong enough for the farm, or invalids, are put in the tailors' or shoemakers' shoes, to make clothes for their fellow-prisoners; others are put to bookbinding; and there is always Wilson. plenty to do in the way of washing, scrubbing and cleaning in general. As a matter of course, there is a school for the ignorant, a chapel and chaplain of the Church of England, and a Roman Catholic chapel and chaplain. The late Father Green devoted his life to these convicts, and has left behind him a name revered and well beloved. -- Saturday Review.

ABOUT WORLD'S FAIRS.

Where the Great International Exhibi- not seem in any hurry to open his lettions Have Been Located.

the world have come to be commonly dren," he said, "how would you like a known as world's fairs. In France they half-holiday this afternoon, and a drive have been held more or less regularly with me into town?" for a century. In Paris they were opened in 1798, 1801, 1802, 1806, 1819, beamed, and troubled Bertie nearly 1823, 1827, 1834, 1839, 1844, 1855, 1867, smiled. 1878 and 1889. The idea of an industrial when it was first suggested and the peo- do you start?" ple became enthusiastic over the project. The first great exhibition was in 1851, from school." when it was held in the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, a suburb of London. The dren," said Mrs. Wilson. "Run and get late Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's ready." 1862, and the Crystal Palace has been the unopened letter. made famous for these international exors than any previously hed were surprise his father said: upon thousands of American have have to go into town much earlier." crossed the Atlantic to visit Pars, the Eiffel Tower and the exposition uring long "Oh!" 1889. In the year 1853 there was a world's fair held in the United Sates. New York had built a Crystal Paace. It will be remembered that the Crystal Palace of Great Britain was then in he height of its fame and glory. So New cousins. On July 14, 1853, therefor, if he has had one like it." the New York Crystal Palace wis opened. The building was of glass and ron, and was erected in the form of 1 is all right you need not come back." of exhibitors from abroad was about that he never noticed that he had for-3.000 in all. The exhibition was opened gotten to put any books in it first. by President Pierce and was continued for four months. It is related that the exposition gave American industries a impetus that was felt for many year The Crystal Palace of New York wal continued for many years as an annual at the gate watching the children. fair, and in 1858, while one of these were in progress, the place took fire and was pity we can not have our ride.' burned. The Centennial Exposition was held in Philadelphia. New York tried to hold a world's fair in 1883, but it was abandoned. - Chicago Inter-Ocean. Civilization and Barbarism.

It is significant of the delicacy of American humor that the most popular comic song of the day tells about a man nearly all his bones, and barely escapgo News.

FOR GIRLS AND BOYS.

VICTOR'S VALENTINE.

I'm going to write a Valentine, I'm sure I don't know why, But all the boys are doing it, And so I guess I'll try; They tell a girl they think her cheeks Are like the roses red; "Your eyes are like the violets." That's what one fellow said

But then, who shall I send mine to? There's lots of girls I know. But not a solitary one I'd want to write to so; Ah, now I've thought of somebody, And not a valentine Will go to one who is half as nice As she who will get mine

(Victor writes steadily for some

"Your hair is as brown as a chestnut, Your eyes are the sky's own blue, I'll bet, in the world, there is no one

Who's half as pretty as you.

" And though, dear, I don't always show it I love you with all my heart: I think it would just about kill me, If you and I had to part.

"Perhaps when I grow up to manhood, I'll have to wander afar. But I'll never forget my first sweetheart, My pretty, bright, jolly mamma."

-Youths' Companion. "HERBERT WILSON, ESQ."

How Bertie's Valentine Was Directed, and What Became of It. Hundreds and hundreds of valentines

were scattered about the floor; some in every one was addressed to the same person; for on every one was written, in very crazy letters: "Herbert Wilson, Bertie was simply bewildered. Who

could have sent so many valentines to "Bertie."-Maggie Browne, in Little Quickly taking hold of the biggest box

he began to open it. All at once the lid flew up, and hit him in the face. Then the other boxes jumped up, and began to knock his head, arms, and legs; and then they all began shouting: "It is Valentine's Day at last."

Bertie rubbed his eyes, gave himself a shake, and woke to find that it was only a dream. There were no valentines knocking him, but his sister Rhoda was knocking

at his door, trying to wake him, and shouting: "It's Valentine's Day. Wake up, Bertie! I wonder who will have the most valentines!" With one bound Bertie was out of bed, and before Rhoda had finished ty-

ing her pinafore he was half-way down-"Rat-a-tat-tat!" came the postman's knock at the door, and five letters were

farm laborer. They can be made to left in Bertie's hands. work, but they can not be made to work But just as he was going to examine his treasures a band was stretched over his shoulder, and Rhoda snatched the letters from him, and ran with them into the breakfast-room.

> claimed Mrs. Wilson. "Mother-the letters!" gasped Rhoda, quite out of breath.

"Valentine's Day," said Bertie: "there's one for me on the top." "Say 'Good morning' properly, children, and give me the letters," said Mr.

He looked at the letters.

three for me," he said; "There are none for you, Bertie. You are not 'Herbert Wilson, Esq.' The top one is for me." Bertie went very red, and murmured something about feeling sure it was for

him. But no one took any notice. "There, Master Bertie," cried Rhoda, "who has the most valentines?" But Bertie was anxiously watching

his father. Mr. Wilson, however, did The great industrial exhibitions of "Well, as it is Valentine's Day, chil-

How would they like it? Rhoda

"I am sure they would like it very exhibition was popular in Great Britain much," said Mrs. Wilson. "What time

"Two o'clock; so come home early "It is time you were off now, chil-

husband, was among the most active in Rhoda jumped up, but Bertie walked making the exposition a success. There very slowly. As he passed behind his was another exhibition held there in father's chair he glanced longingly at change.

When he returned to the room with positions. The two last international his hat on he looked very unhappy, for river, in Africa, is the proud possessor expositions that have attracted to them he saw the letter in his father's hand, of a gold medal sent to him by the from abroad more exhibitors and visit. He stepped forward to speak, but to his French Minister of Marine and the

those at Paris in 1878 ard 1889. "I am sorry, children, to have to dis- old, and the act which has received this It is stated by the great steam and rail appoint you, but this is a notice of a token of recognition from the French transportation companies that thusands | meeting which I must attend. I shall | Government occurred when he was only "Oh!" said Rhoda; and it was a very

Mr. Wilson turned to his wife. the meeting was next week, not this." "Ask Mr. Brown about it," said Mrs.

Wilson: "he is sure to know."

"Shall I take it?" asked Bertie.

"I will. Rhoda, as you go to school,

hand-in-hand they went down the walk. boy now has a medal to show what a Bertie looked very cross. He felt so plucky nine-year-old he was. worried that he never looked round to wave his hand to his mother, who stood

"Um! said Bertie.

cause I sent you one myself."

h. dear, it's Mr. Brown," said Bertie. it was in reality almost 1 o'clock. atched Mr. Brown open the letter. he w Mr. Brown frown, and then heathim say something about "No no- Commercial, are strangely unsatisfac-

"Verse said Mr. Wilson, "verse? I love-making at the University of Penn-But Mr rown passed him the paper. On was written in very tipsy

"The ros red, the violet's blue, Carnatie sweet, and so are you; And so othey that send you this And where meet we'll have a kiss."

Mr. Wilson seemed too astounded to say any thing.

"There's something written on the other side of the paper," said Rhoda. Mr. Wilson turned it, and there, on

the back, was the notice of the meeting. "There," he said, "that is what I meant."

"And that, sir," said Mr. Brown, 'you will see is a week old if you look at the date. Some one has played you a trick."

"Rhoda, Bertie, do you know any thing of this?" asked Mr. Wilson. Rhoda shook her head, and Bertie-

where was Bertie? Why, trying to hid behind the laurel bush; but when Mr. Wilson called "Bertie," he came out.

It was easy to see that he was the culprit, and Mr. Brown, with a hasty "Good morning," walked away. "Oh, father," said Bertie, "I got the

paper from your desk, and I didn't know there was any thing written on the other side. The valentine was not for you, but for me.' "For you?" said Mr. Wilson.

"Yes; I wanted toget more valentines than Rhoda," sobbed unhappy Bertie. "Then why did you send it to me?" asked his father.

Bertie wiped his eyes, drew himself up, and said: "I am 'Herbert Wilson, Esq., as well as you.'

Mr. Wilson laughed; he could not help it.

"Oh, Herbert Wilson, Esq., Junior, envelopes, some in boxes, all shapes and | you are a pickle! Come to your mother sizes. The curious part of it was that and be talked to. It's a very good thing for you I did not go to the meeting." That night Bertie again dreamt of Valentine's Day, but there was only one this time, and that was not addressed to "Herbert Wilson, Esq.," but only to

A SPELLING-BEE.

Uncle John Gives a Prize for the Best Way to Spell Man.

"I'm going to have a spelling-bee tonight," said Uncle John, "and I'll give a pair of skates to the boy that can best spell man." The children turned and stared into

each other's eyes. "Best spell man, Uncle John? Why, there's only one way!" they cried.

"There are all sorts of ways," replied Uncle John. "I'll leave you to think of it awhile:" and he buttoned up his coat and went away. "What does he mean?" asked Bob. "I think it's a joke," said Harry,

thoughtfully, "and when Uncle

John asks me I'm going to say: 'Why,

m-a-n, of course."

"It's a conundrum, I know," said Jo; and he leaned his head on his hand and settled down to think. Time went slowly to the puzzled boys, for all their fun that day. It seemed as

if after that supper time would never

"Yes-n-o," said Harry, flushing. "I

did something Aunt Mag told me not to

come: but it came at last, and Uncle John came, too, with a shiny skate-runner "Rhoda! Bertie! What a noise!" expeeping out or his great-coat pocket. Uncle John did not delay; he sat dow and looked straight into Harry's eyes. "Been a good boy to-day, Hal?"

> do, because Ned Barnes dared me to. I can't bear a boy to dare me. What's that to do with spelling man?" he added, half to himself.

"One for Rhoda, one for mother, and But Uncle John had turned to Bob. "Had a good day, my boy?" "Haven't had fun enough," answered Bobbie, stoutly. "It's all Jo's fault, too. We boys wanted the pond to ourselves for one day, and we made up our

minds that when the girls came we'd clear them off. But Jo, he-" "I think this is Jo's to tell," interrupted Uncle John. "How was it, boy?" "Why," said Jo, "I thought the girls had as much right on the pond as the boys. So I spoke to one or two of the bigger boys, and they thought so, too, and we stopped it all. I thought it was

There came a flash from Uncle John's pockets. The next minute the skates were on Jo's knee. "The spelling-match is over," said

mean to treat girls that way."

Uncle John, "and Jo has won the prize." Three bewildered faces mutely ques-

tioned him. "Boys," he answered gravely, "we've been spelling man, not in letters, but in acts. I told you there were different ways, and we've proved it here to-night.

Think over it, boys, and see."-Ex-

A Brave's Boy's Medal. A little black boy on the Senegal Colonies. The boy is now twelve years nine. He lives near Bakel, the chief town, far inland, on the upper Senegal, and he witnessed some of the stirring scenes three years ago, when the Mar-"It is very queer," he said. "I thought | about Lamame laid waste a large district and gave French interests in upper Senegal such a lively shaking up. One day he was with his mother in their straw but when he saw some of the Mar-York was not to be behind our Europen take this note in to Mr. Brown, and ask about's soldiers set fire to some huts. near by, and then started to apply thetorch to his own home. He picked up "Well, you may both take it; and if it his father's breechloader, and though he was not strong enough to hold the Greek cross. Its dimensions were 150 Bertie put his sachel over his shoul- weapon to his shoulder, he shot two of feet wide by 365 feet long. The number der very thoughtfully-so thoughtfully the soldiers dead, and the others ran for dear life. The incident was mentioned in the official reports on the French Rhoda took the big umbrella, and then | campaign against the Marabout, and the

> -A teacher in one of the Cincinnati schools made a strange mistake the oth-"Bertie," said Rhoda, gently, "it is a er day. Her clock in some manner went wrong, and while all the scholars in the other school-rooms were dismissed for "Bertie," said Rhoda again, "I am so dinner she kept on teaching entirely orry I had a valentine and you didn't. ignorant of time or any thing else. She are certain to have one some time | had charge of a lot of little folks, and it day, because"-then she hesitated- was not until a number of anxious. mothers appeared at the school-room Rhoda, I'll-" began Bertie, but just door that she discovered any thing In Rhoda ran across the road to a gen- wrong. Then she learned that instead of it being 11 o'clock, as she supposed,

-Proverbs, remarks the New York in autumn, jug of milk in a thunder-"Didon mean to insult me," Mr. Wil- shower, the wheel of a locomotive, a

-There is said to be so much innecent.

sylvania, that one of the professors calls the state of things that prevails there "coo-education."-United Presbyterian.

-A shoemaker says that most girls buy shoes to fit their heads instead of their feet.